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Victory Corps Accident Reduction Emphasis

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"Designated Driver" Programs


•**Soldier's Perception:** Soldiers largely **unaware of unit-level Get Home Safely and/or Designated Driver's Programs**. Excessive drinking is a part of "Army culture", especially among the lower ranks and single Soldiers. Soldiers perceive that their Chains-of-Command do not really "care about them".

•**Soldier's Recommendation:** Soldiers felt that for the Designated Driver's Program to work effectively, that an appropriate "incentive award system" should be established. Soldiers feel that there is an element of "education" that will occur when they observe Soldiers that are drinking, while simultaneously providing a sober Soldier to monitor drinking Soldiers' activities as a form of "courtesy patrol" if empowered/recognized by the commander. Soldiers feel that more active NCO participation is needed to be aware of, and counsel their "at-risk subordinates". Soldiers recommended that an NCO/CQ supervision be established on the first few nights after returning from major deployments.

•**Leader Directives/Tools:** Leaders, you must strongly encourage the "Battle Buddy" concept both On and Off-Duty! Team your Soldiers up for success! **Leaders must positively recognize your designated drivers!** Ensure that they are lauded for their efforts in public forums! Safety Incentive Awards are available from the Corps Safety Office. **Let's work together and get these awards to deserving Soldiers!** Effective, sincere, **from-the-heart Command Safety Briefings can, and will change Soldier misperceptions.**

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